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SUBJECT: EASTERN DRC NOTES - APRIL 17

¶1. (U) The items contained in this report consist principally of spot information from various sources. This report is not exhaustive, nor can all the information contained therein be confirmed at this time.

Security Situation

¶2. (SBU) According to MONUC, the FARDC claims to have killed one FDLR fighter and captured two in the Virunga National Park near Tongo. (Note: MONUC Kinshasa speculated that increased FARDC sorties against FDLR positions in the park may be to eliminate backside threats, as the FARDC moves against FDLR positions east of Virunga. End Note.) Additionally, the FARDC claims to have moved all FDLR out of a 40 kilometer stretch of road running east-west from Minjenje, 20 kilometers to the east of Pinga.

¶3. (SBU) There are unconfirmed reports of 1,200 FARDC soldiers moving from the Kashebere area towards Pinga. Another 1,500 FARDC troops continue to move towards Shabunda from Kindu. There are also unconfirmed reports of a FARDC-FDLR clash 20 kilometers south of Kashebere (at Ngenge), resulting in the death of one FARDC soldier, 3 wounded, plus a number of FDLR casualties.

¶4. (SBU) Comment: MONUC does not appear to have been involved in either the planning or execution of any of these activities. Nor does MONUC have much information about them, though it should, since they all fall under Operation Kimia II. Coordination and communications between the FARDC and MONUC continue to be patchy at best. End Comment.

¶5. (U) A BBC media article, quoting a MONUC military official, reported that the FDLR has drawn up a "hit list" against civilians who assisted the DRC-Rwandan joint operation earlier this year.

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